Raiders defeat Nelson

The Raider varsity football team remained unbeaten last week with a 19-7 victory over previously undefeated Nelson County.

The Governors got on the scoreboard first in the first quarter, but Appomattox tied the score in the second quarter on a six-yard run by Steve Hamlett. The score was tied 7-7 at halftime.

Both teams mounted scoring threats in the third quarter, but key defensive plays and penalties by both teams resulted in no score during that period.

In the fourth quarter, the Raiders pulled ahead and clamped down on the passing game of Nelson County to record their second win of this season.

Steve Hamlett scored the Raiders' second touchdown of the night early in the final period of play on a three-yard run. Later in the period Gary Ferguson added the finishing touches to the Raiders' win, with a six-yard scoring dash to set the score at 19-7.

Nelson County had seemed primed for a big night offensively early on in the game, completing passes for big gains and driving deep into Appomattox territory on several occasions.

But the Raider defensive secondary soon adapted to Nelson's passing attack, and when the night was over, Appomattox had wracked up four pass interceptions, and several quarterback sacks.

Offensively, the Raiders made 12 first downs, had 157 yards rushing and 68 yards passing for 225 yards total offense.

Steve Hamlett had 14 carries for 58 yards, Ricky Turner had six carries for 64 yards, and Gary Ferguson had eight carries for 28 yards.

Quarterback Paul Johnson went eight for 12 in the passing department with Russell Walton catching three passes for 27 yards, Tyrone Abbitt gathering in two for 20 yards, and Kevin Kendrick catching two for 18 yards.

Nelso County had impressive offensive statistics. The Governors had 195 yards passing offense, and 117 on the ground for 312 yards total offense.

But the passing game which appeared at first to be the weapon with which the Governors might vanquish the Raiders, eventually turned out to be the Nelson County team's undoing.

Steve Hamlett had one key interception inside the Raider five-yard line to kill a Nelson drive, a Gary Ferugson duplicated this act, returning his interception deep into Nelson territory. The Raiders scored following that interception. Ferguson had another interception, and Ricky Turner added one to the Raiders' defensive effort.

"We felt we had a good team effort in our win over Nelson County Friday night," commented Coach Gary Cuccio.

"The line is improving, gaining experience with every game. As they do and become more confident in themselves, and learn to perform as a unit, they we feel the overall performance of our team will continue to improve."

This week the Raiders will travel to Liberty to face what Cuccio terms "possibly the best passing offense in the district." The coach notes that, despite the Raiders' four interceptions and good pass rush against Nelson, "the pass defense is one area we still need work in."

Liberty has lost two games by a total of seven points, after winning their season opener.

Friday night's game against Liberty gets under way at 8 p.m. at Liberty.

RAIDER RUSSELL WALTON cuts upfield for good gain in Friday night's 19-7 victory against Nelson County. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Jaycee gridders raise record to 3-0

The Raider junior varsity football team defeated Nelson County 42-22 last week, for their third consecutive win this season against no losses.

Nelson took a 6-0 lead early in the first quarter, when the Governors blocked a punt and took the ball in several plays later.

But Appomattox's Dwayne Patterson took the ensuing kickoff and ran the ball 70 yards into the Nelson end zone. Andre McCoy then ran the ball into the end zone on the conversion attempt to give the Raiders an 8-5 lead they would hold the rest of the game.

Gary Scruggs added six points later in the first quarter, when he took a Jeff Motley pass 30 yards into the endzone. Motley hit tight end John Fedison for a 25-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter, and the Raiders led Nelson County 20-6 at the half.

In the third quarter, Appomattox scored again when slotback Dennis Johnson scored from five yards out, giving the Raiders a 20-6 lead.

Later in the third quarter, Motley hit Fedison again for a 15-yard touchdown pass, and the quarterback passed to Scruggs for the two-point conversion giving the Raiders a 34-6 lead.

At that point, Coach Howard Clabough cleared his bench and during the remainder of the third quarter and the fourth period, against the Raiders' second and third teams, Nelson scored twice. When the Governors pulled to within 12 points, the first team went in again and Andre McCoy scored from four yards out, followed by a two-yard conversion plunge by quarterback Motley for the game and the Raiders' final points of the game. The final score was 42-22.

"This was definitely our best outing this season," Clabough commented after the game. "The offense moved the ball well, and the defense played well too."

The Raider jayvees had 213 yards on the ground, 149 yards in the air for 362 yards total offense. McCoy, Johnson and Patterson ran well for Appomattox, and Fedison and Scruggs combined with quarterback Motley for a potent passing attack.

Clabough said Keith Fanney, Larry Trent, Andre McCoy and Dwayne Patterson were defensive leaders for Appomattox against Nelson.

This week the Raiders will play unbeaten Liberty at home. The game will be played tomorrow (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at Bragg Stadium.

Raiderettes defeat Brookville

The Raiderette varsity basketball team defeated Brookville 21-17 last Thursday, after losing to Altavista 49-25 in last Tuesday's game.

The week's action left the local team with a 3-3 record.

Against Altavista, the Raiderettes took a slight lead early in the game, leading 7-2 at the end of the first quarter, and 13-11 at the end of the first half.

In the third quarter, however, the Raiderettes first-half foul trouble caught up with them, and Altavista opened a broad lead, outscored Appomattox 17-6. The fourth quarter was much the same, with the Raiderettes scoring six points to Altavista's 19.

Coach Mary Tolley noted that Altavista had a tall, strong team, which dominated the inside game and the boards, getting two or three shots each time they went to the basket.

Sandra Watkins was the leading scorer for the Raiderettes, with 12 points. She was followed by Kaye Brown with four points, Aretha Johnson with three, Bev. Bennett with two, and Lisa Pannell, Sally Coleman, Tammy Martin and Janice Foster, each with one point.

Thursday's game against Brookille also started slowly, with the Lady Bees ahead 10-7 at the end of the first half.

In the third quarter, however, the Raiderettes outscored Brookville 7-1, and the local team was able to hold their edge in the final quarter, outscoring Brookville 7-6 to record the 12-17 win.

Tolley commended Lisa Pannell's five points and Nina Abbit's two freethrows in the fourth quarter as instrumental in the victory. "It wasn't pretty, but it was a win," Tolley said.

Nina Abbitt led scorers with nine points, followed by Sandra Watkins with six, Lisa Pannell with five, and Sally Coleman with one point.

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play Liberty Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline. Thursday, the team will play Buckingham and the next Tuesday the team will play Rustburg at home.

Varsity games start at approximately 7:30 and the jayvee games start at 6 p.m.

WOW sets Radio Day

Woodmen of the World Camp 71 in Appomattox will conduct their annual "Radio Day" Oct. 1.

This community project is made possible through the cooperation of local radio station WTTX-FM 107. Local Woodmen will man the radio station the entire day.

Proceeds from the project will assist the many community projects that are being supported by the Fraternalism of Woodcraft such as local fire and rescue units, Dixie Youth Association activities, the Special Olympics, churches and civic organizations (placement of Christian and American flags), special benefit drives, crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs for the disabled, and other projects.

During the coming days, local Woodsmen will contact local citizens and businesses in order to give them the opportunity to be a part of this annual event.

If you desire to take part in the activity and are not contacted, the committee apologizes and asks that you get in touch with Chairman, Steve Marshall at 352-5790 or Co-chairman Floyd Fleshman at 352-8049.

Guill, Marshall are tops

Falling River Country Club hosted its annual club championship in golf on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10 and 11. It was a 36-hole event with a total of 60 members participating in the blistering heat and dry course conditions.

The ladies' competition was won by Peggy Guill following a "sudden death" playoff with Mary L. Tolley. Third-place was won by Katurah McCormick. Other winners were Jane Lyon in the first flight followed by Ginny Fedison and Joyce Bennett; and the second flight was won by Debbie Lucado with Phyllis Smith and Carolyn Smith taking second and third place honors.

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Hunting and fishing to be focus

The 12th annual National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration will be held at River Ridge Mall in Lynchburg on Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

More than 15 sporting and conservation organizations have joined to sponsor the event with a wide variety of free demonstrations of outdoor skills and exhibits on conservation of wildlife and other natural resources.

There will be activities to interest everyone. Admission is free, and you don't have to be an outdoorsman to take part. Many activities are designed for the non-sportsman--to provide free instructions in the outdoor sports and an opportunity to join with sportsmen in the conservation of our natural resources.

National Hunting and Fishing Day focuses on the importance of conserving our natural and wildlife resources and the vital role hunters and fisherman play in conservation through license fees and special taxes on sporting equipment. These funds provide over 500 million dollars each year for conservation activities such as land acquisition, research and management of habitat for fish and wildlife which benefit both non-sportsman and sportsmen. Hundreds of non-game species as well as game species benefit from these sportsmen-supported conservation programs.

Master of ceremonies for the event is Ed Clark, Director of the Shenandoah Valley Wildlife Treatment and Rehabilitation Center. Several of the center's residents" including hawks, owls, and other critters will be there. The wildlife center is a unique facility which provides specialized veterinary treatment and rehabilitation to sick, injured, and displaced wildlife. The Center's staff also provide educational programs concerning the problems threatening wildlife as a result of human interference. This is an excellent opportunity to see rare wildlife species which are being rehabilitated by the Center for release back to the wild. A special fund raising event will be held during the day to support the Center, which operates solely from private contributions.

Activities will include demonstrations on fly tying and casting by members of Trout Unlimited, a group which works to protect and rebuild trout streams. American Indian tools and weapons willbe displayed by Kit Shaffer. The Va. Taxidermists Association will provide a display of game trophy animals and information on proper care of game you wish to mount. Decoy duck carving and painting will be demonstrated by members of Ducks Unlimited, an international organization which promotes preservation of habitat for wild ducks.

The Virginia Game Commission will have game wardens and biologists on hand to provide information on regulations and techniques of modern fish and wildlife management.

The Virginia Bowhunters will have displays on bowhunting techniques and safety. The Virginia Wild Turkey Federation will have demonstrations on calling techniques and modern management practices used to improve habitat for this once rare game bird.

Operation RESPECT and the Virginia Wildlife Federation will have displays on efforts to improve outdoor ethics and conservation, sportsmen-landowner relations through information, education and legislative action programs.

The Lynchburg Bassmasters will have displays on modern techniques and equipment used in scientific fishing. The Izaak Walton League will provide information on upcoming hunter safety course

Westvaco Corporation, a local forest industry which provides over 150,000 acres annually for hunting and other outdoor recreation, will have representatives explaining wildlife management programs and hunter access information.

Smokey the Bear will be on hand courtesy of the Virginia Division of Forestry to caution outdoor users to be careful with fire.

Coordinator for this year's events, Preston Bryant, encourages Centerl Virginia sportsmen and others who enjoy the outdoors to come join in the celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Day at River Ridge Mall as part of the Kaleidoscope Festival. The sponsoring conservation and sporting organizations want people to learn about conservation and how they can join with sportsmen to ensure the wise use and management of our valuable wildlife and other natural resources.

Research shows impact of road hunting

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sponsored by the Virginia Wild Turkey Federation in Richmond. The symposium focused on habitat requirements and management for wild turkey populations.

"As a result of discussions at the symposium, we decided to cooperate in a study to determine the influence of forestry practices on wild turkeys, and give practical recommendations on improving habitat to maintain huntable turkey populations," Collins notes.

In May, 1981, funds were committed for this cooperative research project by the National Wild Turkey Federation, Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences at VPI&SU, the Virginia Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and Westvaco Timberlands Division. Advisors for this project were Drs. Mike Vaughan and Pete Bromley both on the faculty at VPI & SU. The study areas for the project were several large tracts on Westvaco's Virginia Woodlands in western Buckingham County.

Todd Holbrook, a graduate student at VPI, took on the task of the turkey habitat study as part of his masters degree work.

After completing the plan for the study, Holbrook set about determining the best way to trap turkeys in order to attach small radio transmitters to them to monitor what types of terrain they preferred for roosting, nesting, and raising their young.

The going was rough early on in the three-year study. Holbrook experimented with a variety of ways of capturing the skittish birds, none of which proved very successful. For example, he tried a rocket-net device which throws a net over the birds as they feed in a baited area. Of three birds on one shot, two died of heart attacks and the third escaped from under the net. In the first trapping season, he was able to capture only six, all of which were gobblers.

Holbrook soon found the trick, however, to catching turkeys in the type of terrain on which the study was being conducted: He built a blind in a suitable area frequented by the birds, and put out bait which had been treated with a drug which made the birds drowsy and easy to capture. When the birds became "narcotized," he would leave the blind and pick them up to prepare for the tracking study.

The second and third trapping seasons were much more successful for Holbrook. He was able to catch a total of 58 birds, and attached transmitters to 33 of the birds for use in the study.

After the birds had been fitted with the radio transmitters and examined, with all pertinent data being recorded for use in the study, they were released in the study area, which had been site-prepared for pine reforestation. Holbrook plotted each birds' location at regular intervals by taking radio readings from different locations and marking the approximate locations of the birds on a map.

One of the major questions for which an answer was being sought in this study was whether pine reforestation discourages turkey flocks from living and reproducing in an area.

On the Fisher and Gunstock units, Westvaco had deliberately left strips of hardwoods running throughout the area which had been site-prepared and planted with pine seedlings.

The hardwood strips (or "leave strips") resemble rivers of trees running through the areas which were cut over and burned for planting the pine seedlings.

The leave strips were left along creek bottoms, ravines, roads and other topographical features, Collins notes. In some instances, where there was no outstanding topographical feature, and random areas were chosen for the leave strips.

"The hardwood buffers help to prevent soil erosion, and serve somewhat as fire breaks in case of a fire," Collins says.

And, as Holbrook's research soon pointed out, the hardwood buffers also are favorite haunts for the wild turkey.

"When the study began, I believed the hardwood strips were useless," Holbrook says. "But when the birds dispersed, 75 percent of the hens started moving up and down the hardwood leave strips, and then they started nesting there."

One of the things which surprised Holbrook in his research was the high yearly mortality rate of the birds. He estimates that only about 15 percent of the turkeys survive each year. And, of those birds which die or are killed each year, approximately 65 percent are lost during the fall season, when hunting pressure is heavy.

While this indicates that the turkey has remarkable ability to repopulate an area after its numbers have been decimated, the study also shows that a great number of birds are being lost to hunters who cripple the birds but do not kill them.

Holbrook pointed out that the birds use roadsides in the reforested areas often, and many of the birds which died during the autumn hunting season were found near the roads.

"I estimated that there were three birds crippled for every one harvested," Holbrook said. "And many of the dead birds were near the road."

He adds that it is probable that the birds found near the road were turkeys crippled by deer hunters hunting along the road with buckshot.

So in all, the research conducted on the Westvaco tract indicates that turkeys are indeed fond of the hardwood buffers left in reforested areas, and use the leave strips not only for roosting and foraging, but for nesting and raising their young.

And the study indicates that the turkey's use of roadsides in reforested areas is a mixed blessing. While the roadsides can be planted with millet and other grains to provide valuable feeding grounds for the birds, it is apparent that shotgun blasts from roadsides result in many wasted birds which die after being crippled with buckshot.

"One thing that pretty much slapped us in the face, and we didn't expect it, is that the road-impact factor needs to be researched more," Holbrook concludes.

AMS menu

Mon., Sept. 26 - Steakum sandwich, potato rounds, butterbeans, milk.

Tues., Sept. 27 - Corn dogs, slaw, buttered corn, milk.

Wed., Sept. 28 - Spaghetti, cheese wedge, tossed salad, cookie, hot roll, milk.

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Four varsity gridders cited

Four members of the varsity Raider football team have been honored following Friday night's victory against Nelson County.

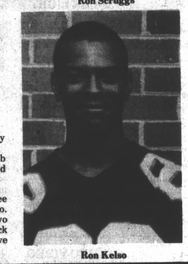
Carl Banks and Anthony Abbitt have been named linemen of the week, and Ron Scruggs and Ron Kelso have been named backs of the week.

Banks did a "good job blocking offensively, and had seven tackles and four assists on defense," according to Raider Coach Gary Cuccio.

Abbitt did an "outstanding job defensively, with five tackles and four assists," the coach adds.

Scruggs had 11 tackles and three assists on defense, notes Cuccio. Kelso had six tackles and two assists, including one quarterback sack and "several key defensive plays," according to the coach.

Ron Scruggs



Ron Kelso

Golf tournament results noted

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In the men's competition, Doug Marshall took top honors with a score of 152. He was followed by Floyd Williams with a score of 157 and James Paulette with a 160. Other flight winners were: first flight - Dick Guill, first; Tom Bass, second; and Bill Burke, third. Second flight - Monte Mays, first; Carroll Goodrich, second; and James Tweedy, third. Third flight - Rick Thompson, first; Ronnie Lewis, second; and Dave Caldwell, third.

The Men's Senior Division was won by T.T. Martin with second and third place won by Bob McFaden and Dick Bass.

Jayvees cited

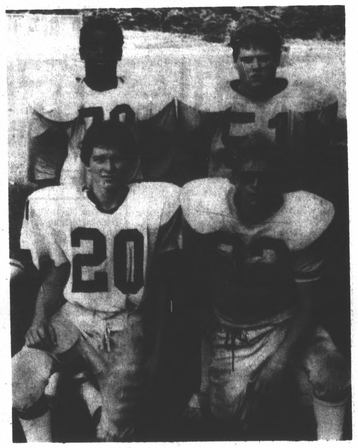
Four members of the junior varsity Raider football team have been cited for their efforts in last week's win against Nelson County.

Jeff Motley, quarterback, was named offensive back of the week. He completed nine of 12 passes for 149 yards, and three touchdowns. Motley also did a commendable job from his safety post on the defensive squad, according to Coach Howard Clabough.

R. W. Jamerson was named offensive lineman of the week. He was "extremely aggressive" blocking from his position at right offensive tackle, according to Clabough, and he also had a quarterback line sack from his defensive line position.

Keith Fanney was named defensive back of the week. He led the team with eight tackles from his linebacker slot, and blocked one punt and caused a Nelson County fumble.

Larry Trent was named defensive lineman of the week. He blocked two punts, sacked the quarterback and had four tackles against Nelson.



Week's best

JUNIOR VARSITY RAIDERS WHO WERE named "Players of the Week" following last week's win over Nelson County included (front, from left) backs Jeff Motley and Keith Fanney, and (back from left) linemen Larry Trent and R.W. Jamerson.

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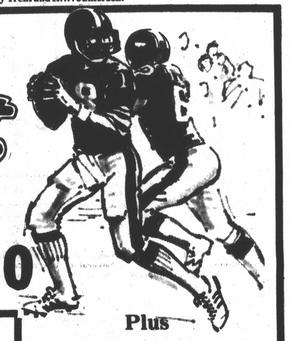

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